## <u>Abstract</u>

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The present invention provides a method for diagnosing a disease state associated with oxidative stress in a subject. The method includes the step of measuring the level of non-selenium glutathione peroxidase protein in a biological fluid or tissue obtained from the subject over time to detect an increase in the level of non-selenium glutathione peroxidase protein in the subject and/or measuring the level of non-selenium glutathione peroxidase protein in a biological fluid or tissue obtained from the subject and comparing the measured level of non-selenium glutathione peroxidase protein with a control level.